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2 **ABSTRACT**

3 Break-Once, Run-everywhere (BORE) resistant software configurations
4 and digital goods and content distribution methods and arrangements are provided
5 for use in computer systems and networks. An initial digital good is selectively
6 divided into at least two portions. The first portion is provided to a destination
7 computer, for example, via a CD ROM, floppy disk, or pre-loaded on a hard disk
8 drive. The second portion is operatively modified within a source computer based
9 on unique data associated with the destination computer. The modified second
10 portion is then provided to the destination computer, for example, over a network,
11 along with a key that can be used to operatively modify the first portion to be
12 compatible with the modified second portion. The destination computer then
13 modifies the first portion accordingly, and combines the modified first portion
14 with the modified second portion to produce a modified digital good that is
15 operatively different in configuration, but substantially functionally equivalent to
16 the initial digital good. During subsequent initialization or operation, the modified
17 digital good verifies that the destination computer is properly associated with the
18 key and/or the unique data previously associated with the destination computer.
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